

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I have observed already a lack of media diversity as even the current news networks (CNN, MSNBC, CBS, ABC, Fox, etc., present no meaningful opposing opinions to the Bush Administration push for war with Iraq. In fact, they do continual "War" specials. I haven't seen any "Peace" logos even though the polls show Americans more and more opposing this war. If the rules on media ownership are loosened even more, what hope is there of any opinions that don't enhance the bottom line? In a democracy, we need objective news sources; without them, we will become like Orwell's Animal Farm, (if we aren't already).

We need public hearings on this issue with notice published in all the media, so people know about what is going on.